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**Food Safety Alert: Outbreak of Salmonella Infections linked to Ground Beef**

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO- South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) joins the CDC in urging residents to check ground beef products packaged between July 26<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, for possible salmonella contamination.

The CDC reports 57 people, from 16 states, have already been infected with the disease. Of those, one patient was reported in Idaho. 14 of those patients have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

On October 4, 2018, JBS Tolleson, Inc., of Tolleson, Arizona, [recalled](#) about 6.5 million pounds of beef products, including ground beef, because of contamination concerns. These products are labelled with the establishment number “EST. 267” inside the USDA mark of inspection.

Restaurants and retailers should not serve or sell these recalled products and residents should not eat any recalled ground beef. Return recalled products to the store or throw them away.

“Recalls should be taken very seriously. When dealing with salmonella, it’s best to just get rid of the meat and avoid the risk,” said Josh Jensen, SCPHD Public Health Program Manager. “It’s also important to remember that even meat that isn’t infected should be heated to specific temperatures to kill off bacteria.”

Salmonella can develop 12 to 72 hours after exposure to the bacteria. The illness often lasts between four and seven days and, typically, patients recover without treatment. Common symptoms of salmonella include: diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps.

If consumers believe they became ill from eating recalled ground beef, contact a healthcare provider.

For more information please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/newport-10-18/index.html> or <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2018/recall-085-2018-release>

For a list of recalled products please visit: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/6ae70f90-0f59-4006-a665-4d10d05156a0/RC-085-2018-Products-List.pdf?MOD=AJPERES> and <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a772fd78-7d73-40eb-9e47-049eb7050883/Recall+085-2018+Labels.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>